

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

The observant amongst you may well already have noticed something missing that is usually included on this page. You're correct – the usual mugshot of yours truly! I thought about this for a little while before deciding that an image of a smiling, satisfied-looking Chairman was not exactly accurate with the present mood being one of the complete opposite!

When I last corresponded, we had just entered the New Year with a number of Association changes underway and plans were afoot for our AGM and annual 'Swing' event with other attractions at the drawing board stage. Then along came the coronavirus.....

Our committee volunteer roles are all centred on providing as much support as we can to those suffering from MND and their carers. This includes happy occasions when we are able to meet up for a cup of tea or a lunch and enjoy a more formal get together with the possibility of also raising some Branch funds. The press is full of talk of the 'lockup' situation but I feel that it should be 'locked in' which is what we in fact are! I'm sure that this feeling will be recognised by a number of our readers and I really regret that all we can offer in the circumstances is a chat over the 'phone. So please do use us in any way in which it might be of benefit to your own position – applicable 'phone numbers and email addresses can be found elsewhere.

And finally...a plug for our 100 Club. Numbers are down and having had to cancel two fund raising opportunities there is a chance to make up some leeway here. Details further on.

Peter Thompson

WINNERS OF RECENT 100 CLUB DRAWS

At our last Branch Meeting in March we drew the final two winners for 2019.

February 2020 – Jim Stark

March 2020 – Anne Pratt



We are hoping that those who have joined the club in previous years will continue to support this easy bit of fundraising. Forms were sent out earlier this year and many thanks to those who have already joined – and apologies if your cheque has not yet been banked, it will be as soon as things get a bit more normal.

If you have not yet joined in but would like to do so please contact Secretary Ruth with your contact details and the "names" that you would like to be included, and you can pay the subs online (£20 per year per name) to Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-96-09 Acct 02973838 and please add the reference YDales100. You can of course apply by post by sending your information and cheque to Ruth.

If you would like a form sending again (we quite understand that you may have mislaid the original) then let Ruth know.

A FEW SNIPPETS FROM THE NATIONAL WEBSITE

#GetMNDOnTheList – The Association are extremely concerned to learn that MND was omitted from the UK Government’s “extremely vulnerable” persons list during Covid-19, so they launched this campaign to help change things. Over 5,200 people have taken action and over 100 MPs have raised the issue with the Government. The Association is delighted that as a result of the campaign, the Northern Ireland Executive added MND to the shielding letter list. However, England and Wales have not yet followed suit, a situation the Association finds unacceptable. When giving evidence to the Health and Social Care Committee on 17 April, Health Secretary Matt Hancock said he is ‘open to putting all people living with motor neurone disease on the list’. It’s crucial we keep the pressure on to make this happen. All supporters are now urged to join our **latest ‘Selfie action’** to help make some noise on social media and show the Government they cannot keep ignoring our calls. To take part (i) download and print the Selfie poster (ii) Write your message - see suggested messages below (iii) Take a selfie or short video with your phone or other device (you can also ask someone else to take the photo!) noting that landscape format is preferred, so we can add it to our gallery. (iv) Post it on your Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook account using the hashtag #GetMNDOnTheList and see the social media posts below. (v) Don't forget to tag/mention the Department of Health and Social Care [@DHSCgovuk](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments-of-health-and-social-care) in your accompanying social media post. Also mention us [@mndcampaigns](https://twitter.com/mndcampaigns) or [@mndassoc](https://twitter.com/mndassoc) in your selfies so we can see and share them. Even if you are not on social media you can still take part by emailing your selfie to campaigns@mndassociation.org with your name and message, and the Association will post it on our social media account for you! The Association will be using the content that is shared across a range of our communications channels such as our website and social media channels.

Shielding and protecting – Despite people living with MND not being identified as extremely vulnerable persons we have received information confirming that people with MND living in England can self-register as extremely vulnerable. Visit www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable and follow these steps: 1. After confirming you live in England, and indicating if you’ve received a letter from the NHS or not, enter your details as requested. 2. Tick “Yes I have one of the medical conditions on the list”. We’ve had it confirmed that, in this instance, #MND will be classed as a ‘severe respiratory condition’. You can also register by calling 0800 028 8327.

VIRTUAL TOURS

sorry these are really small, if you are getting Chatter by email you will be able to zoom in, if postal readers would like an easier to read list please see our facebook page

Zoo Tours/Experiences

- Chester Zoo - <https://www.youtube.com/user/OfficialChesterZoo>
- London Zoo - https://www.zsl.org/visit-london-zoo-virtual-london-zoo?aws=15324%20%2018%204036d77c261c9e2685a2600e52d50&utm_source=AWiN&utm_medium=249371&utm_campaign=Sub%20Networks
- National Zoo, Washington DC - <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>
- Atlanta Zoo, USA - <https://zoatlanta.org/panda-cam/>
- Melbourne Zoo, Australia - <https://www.zoo.org.au/animals-at-home/>
- San Diego Zoo, California, USA - <https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>
- Edinburgh Zoo - <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>
- Kansas City Zoo, USA - <https://www.kansascityzoo.org/ouranimals/list-of-animals/king-penguin/>
- African Wildlife Safari - <https://explore.org/livestreams/african-wildlife/african-animal-lookout-camera>
- National Aquarium, USA - <https://www.aquarium.org/Experience/live>

Museums/Parks/Destinations/Experiences

- Disney World - <https://news.disney.com/magicmoments>
- Natural History Museum - <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html>
- Paris Louvre - <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- Smithsonian - <https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>
- Mercedes Benz Museum - <https://www.mercedes-benz.com/en/classic/museum/visitor-information/?owdi=misc>
- Art Galleries - <https://karmascommunity.karmaarcup.com/entertainment/karma-culture-your-front-row-seats-to-the-worlds-top-10-museum-and-galleries/>
- Twickenham Rugby Stadium - <https://www.everevolution.co.uk/tours/englandrugbyhospitality/>
- Ride the Smoky Mountain Alpine Coaster - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZlN6PozmA>
- Tower of London - <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/theadk>
- The British Museum - <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com>
- Courtauld Gallery - <https://courtauld.ac.uk/gallery/about/3d-gallery-virtual-tour>
- Buckingham Palace - <https://www.royal.uk/virtual-tours-buckingham-palace>
- Houses of Parliament - <https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/virtualtour/>
- Churchill War Rooms - https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=xJJGeY51F&starti=%7B%22camera_position%22:%7B%22x%22:-15.5778%22,%22y%22:1.4152%22,%22z%22:7.7258%7D%22camera_quaternion%22:%7B%22x%22:-0.0674%22,%22y%22:-0.679%22,%22z%22:0.0628%22%7D%22camera_mode%22:1%22&an_ifid%22:2281a7b01444cb43959895d6d5a83119a4%22%7D
- Hampton Court Palace - <https://in360degrees.co.uk/indie360/HamptonCourt/>
- Museum of London Docklands - <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/about-us/business-services/venue-hire/museum-london-docklands/virtual-tour>
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery>
- Van Gogh Museum - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum>
- Salvatore Dali Museum, Spain - <https://www.salvador-dali.org/en/museums/dali-theatre-museum-in-figueras-visit-a-virtual-tour>
- Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/rijksmuseum>
- The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, USA - <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum>
- Musei Vaticani, Vatican City - <http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtual-elenco.html>

- Tate Britain, London - <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain/display/walk-through-british-art>
- Met Museum, New York - <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/met-360-proiect>
- National Gallery of Arts, Washington DC - <https://www.nga.gov/>
- Picasso Museum, Barcelona, Spain - <http://www.bcn.cat/museupicasso/en/visiting/virtual-tours.html>
- The National Museum of Computing - <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=Vz8KcGfJ9QA>
- Women's History Museum, Virginia, USA - <https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>
- National Museum of US Air Forces - <https://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>
- The Museum of Flight - <https://museumofflight.org/Explore-The-Museum/Virtual-Museum-Online>
- Anne Frank Museum, Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://www.annefrank.org/en/museum/web-and-digital/>

Sights/seeing

- Egypt – Conservation Projects - <https://www.arco.org/virtual-tours>
- Red Monastery - <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=YwV1F5eGxxZ&mls=1>
- London Eye - <https://360.visitlondon.com/#>
- Faroe Islands - <https://www.remote-tourism.com/>
- London City Tour - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAeVusBnNI>
- Eiffel Tower - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ-31-p3aU>
- The Great Wall of China - <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>
- Taj Mahal, India - <https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/fgGjCpEtU3akmQ?sv lng=78.041656891338596&sv lat=27.17461993898975&sv h=4.345074541162023&sv p=40.62271448978193&sv pid=llxy1lv4AAAAGun7pob&sv z=1.0128748941670087>
- Stonehenge - https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/stonehenge-avebury/TWED7nyNm_hxg7h=en&sv lng=1.82605144942331&sv lat=51.17896575151737&sv h=266.023755354809&sv p=6.686740378771518&sv pid=PyKwWsmj9NQ_1bF6SHj&sv z=1.000000000000002
- Northern Lights - <https://explore.org/livestreams/aurora-borealis-northern-lights/northern-lights-cam>
- Tour of Rome, Italy - https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/rome-tour-campaign-university-of-reading-rome-march-2017&utm_source=FacebookMarketing&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=3001042d9d9&utm_content=10:1&utm_term=UKNetwork&ranMID=42801&ranEAID=HL3Qp2RBOc&ranSiteID=HL3Qp2RBOc&ranYSA=YA6fMBAZ3N3d7w
- Machu Picchu, Peru - <https://www.youvisit.com/tour/machupicchu?pl=f>
- Tour of Japan - <https://livejapan.com/en/article-a0003054/>
- Yellowstone National Park, USA - <https://www.nps.gov/ylln/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>

OTLEY BEER FESTIVAL

On January 22nd Ruth Paynter from our BMC attended the presentation for the charity cheques from Otley Beer Festival.

In the first photo she is pictured with Jeff Uttley MBE, chair of the organising committee.

The event has been raising money for, and presenting it to, the Parish Church plus a variety of charities and community groups since 2002. The total raised to date is £105,600 and from the £7,000 raised in November 2019 we were delighted to receive a cheque for £1500.



The second photo includes people from all the charities who received funds – as well as ourselves these included Martin House Hospice, Otley Parish Church Scouts and Otley All Saints' Parish Church.

For those interested in these matters the winning beer from the festival was "Wilde Childe"

SOME INFORMATION ABOUT SUPERMARKETS

We have been sent this information so thought it might be helpful to pass it on. Aldi & Morrisons are now offering a selection of set content food boxes, which look to be deliverable in a very short time-frame and a couple of the supermarkets are offering volunteer cards to enable people to prepay for shopping that will be collected by volunteers.

The Aldi information is at the bottom of the email, and there are also a few links below.

<https://www.morrisons.com/food-boxes/>

https://cards.asda.com/volunteer?utm_source=asdacom&utm_medium=feedthenation&utm_term=volunteercard&utm_content=generic&utm_campaign=cards

<https://www.sainsburysgiftcard.co.uk/>

EVENTS FOR YOU

At present we can't offer any events but thought the following might be of interest, it is being organised by the West Yorkshire branch



**ILKLEY
MANOR
HOUSE**

**Art for MND in the Manor House
Art competition**

WIN your work on display in Ilkley Manor House

Later this year the West Yorkshire Branch will be hosting an art exhibition in Ilkley Manor House featuring several local artists. We are offering you the chance to be a part of it by entering to WIN the chance to have your work displayed in the exhibition. All entries will be posted online alongside the title of the piece, first name of the entrant and category they have entered. Winners will be picked from the following categories by artist Matthew Evans: Children aged up to 8 years, children and young people aged 9-18 years and those over 18 years old. All you need to do is create a piece of art inspired by your local area, Yorkshire, for example. For full terms and conditions visit the West Yorkshire Branch page of the MND Association website.

All entries must be scanned/photographed and emailed by a responsible adult to jenn.dodd@mndassociation.org along with the title, your name and age. Entry is FREE, but we are asking for a suggested donation of £2 to the West Yorkshire Branch JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mndawestyorkshire

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BRANCH WEBSITE AND OTHER INFORMATION

Please let us know if you would like to publish something on either our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MNDYorkshiredales> or our website www.mndyorkshiredales.co.uk . Or perhaps you might like to contribute to Chatter? It would be lovely to publish something from one of our members - just send your article to Ruth Pridmore

Can you help us save money by sending you paperwork by email instead of the Royal Mail? If you have an email address just let Ruth know and she will add it to the database.

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